

the present 2.1 percent duty rate on these components, no adverse impact on a domestic producer or industry is anticipated should my legislation be enacted. At the same time, I know its enactment would be beneficial to some good, hard working people in my district. It makes no sense to impose an import duty on a product where there is no domestic manufacturer. I therefore urge my colleagues to support inclusion of this legislation into the Miscellaneous Tariff Correction bill to be moved later this year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN M. BETTIS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2002*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Most Worshipful John M. Bettis, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & AM of New Jersey. On Saturday evening, April 13, 2002, Mr. Bettis will be honored at "An Appreciation Evening" to pay tribute to his untiring efforts and contributions.

John M. Bettis was born and raised in Pleasantville, New Jersey, where he received his elementary and secondary education, graduating from Pleasantville High School in 1963. He has earned an Associate Degree in Police Science from Atlantic Community College in 1971, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Stockton State College and graduate credits in Public Administration from Ryder College and the University of Houston. John is a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served as a Security Policeman from 1963 to 1967 and the New Jersey Air National Guard from 1979 to 1983.

Currently, John is a member of the Board of Directors of Atlantic County Chapter of the National Conference (formerly the National Conference of Christians and Jews), a member of the African American Male Conference, the Atlantic County Veterans Advisory Board, the Board of Directors of the Atlantic County Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors for the Jersey Shore Council, Boy Scouts of America, the Board of Directors for the United Way of Atlantic County and the Board of Trustees for Atlantic Cape Community College.

John is a proud Prince Hall Mason of the 33rd Degree and Shriner, holding membership and rank in all of its affiliated bodies; most significantly, Past Master of Hiram Abiff Lodge No. 16, F & AM, and Past Patron of Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 18, OES, Pleasantville, New Jersey. He is a Past Grand Worthy Patron of Oziel Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, NJ 1988–1990 and is currently serving as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of New Jersey. John resides in Pleasantville, New Jersey with his wife Doni. They have three daughters and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, let us offer our congratulations to Mr. Bettis for his many contributions to the community as well as our very best wishes to him for the future.

TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND IRS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2002*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, on April 10, 2002, the House of Representatives voted to reject H.R. 3991, the Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act, by a vote of 205–219. Although the underlying bill was noncontroversial, the Republican leadership refused to permit reformers' attempts to strip an amendment from the bill that would have rolled back important campaign finance laws, including the 2000 Section 527 disclosure requirements and the Shays-Meehan reforms which became law two weeks ago yesterday. I am a staunch advocate for campaign finance reform and supported the legislation requiring Section 527 groups to disclose their contributors as well as the Shays-Meehan law. Had I been able to vote yesterday, I would have joined my colleagues who support campaign finance reform and voted against H.R. 3991.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND EDWARD L. ECKENROD

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2002*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Edward L. Eckenrod, a resident of Blair County, Pennsylvania. Reverend Eckenrod was recently awarded the John Riley Human Relations Service Award for 2002 by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission on March 20, 2002. The commission recognizes Reverend Eckenrod for helping to further their goals of eliminating discrimination and providing equal opportunities to all individuals.

Reverend Eckenrod has served the communities of Central Pennsylvania for more than 20 years. After earning his Masters in Theology from St. Francis and being ordained as a Roman Catholic Priest, he served as an Associate Pastor at St. John's in Lakemont (1978–1985) and at St. Mark's in Altoona (1985–1990), he then served as Pastor in St. Joseph (1990–1995) and as the Chaplain at Altoona Hospital (1983–1990 and 1995–Present). In addition to being a dedicated and caring spiritual leader, he has also been a great friend and has served the community in a wide variety of ways. Reverend Eckenrod serves on many different boards and has always been very generous with his time.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure you will join me in thanking Reverend Eckenrod for his service and congratulating him on receiving this award. He has enriched the lives of those who know him with all of his efforts and I am proud that he has been recognized for all his achievements. I wish him well in all his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BRAVE FIRE-FIGHTERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2002*

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of some local heroes. It is a pleasure to recognize the dedicated, hard working men and women of Broward County's Fire Emergency Rescue units. Each day, these men and women place their personal safety on the line in order to protect the 1.2 million residents of Broward County.

Following the tragic terrorist attacks on September 11th, a number of Broward County Firefighters voluntarily decided to offer much needed assistance to their broken New York City brethren. Undaunted and determined, they trekked north to lend a hand in dealing with the horrific aftermath of that infamous September day. Mr. Speaker, having visited Ground Zero myself, I witnessed firsthand the arduous task our firefighters faced, and continue facing almost seven months later.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize those brave individuals from Broward County who served in New York. From USAR South Florida Task Force 2: Division Chief Stephen McInerney II, Battalion Chief Robert Hoecherl, Battalion Chief John Molenda, Lt. Douglas LeValley, Lt. Richard Seabrook, and Driver-Engineer Charles Frank. Mr. Speaker, I also want to recognize those who voluntarily traveled to New York: Lt. David Carter, Driver-Engineer Jacob Snowwhite, Driver-Engineer Milton Selimos, Firefighter Troy Cool, Firefighter Yuri Grijalva, Firefighter Robert Soto, Firefighter Michael Salzano, Firefighter John McLoughlin, and Firefighter Michael Reimer. These men worked around the clock, despite overwhelming carnage, in helping New York begin the slow process of recovery—an experience they will carry with them for the remainder of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, based on their courageous actions these heroic firefighters make Broward County residents proud. As a resident of Broward County, I am proud of their service to our community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAINT ADALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WHITING, INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2002*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate Saint Adalbert Roman Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana, as it commemorates its 100th anniversary as a congregation on April 14, 2002. This parish has been celebrating its centennial for the past year with monthly festivities, and each event has strengthened the sense of community among the church members, united through their Baptismal bonds. The culmination of this revelry will be the jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Dale J. Melczek and will include Father Michael Blastic, who will deliver the invocation, and Father Steven Gross, who will serve as toastmaster.